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Dear Mr. Neier:

Assistant Secretary Abrams has asked me to reply to your letter of December 31, 1981, regarding the case of Graciela Araboalasa. We have been aware of the case for some time and there is considerable Congressional interest in her case.

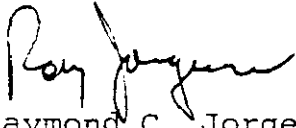
Ms. Araboalasa was released on a form of parole in October 1981. Since she was convicted in a civilian court in 1977 of having violated national security law and of illegal association, it is necessary for her to supply the court record in order for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine her eligibility under the law for entry into the United States. The Embassy in Buenos Aires is attempting to assist her in obtaining court records. If, after reviewing the record and interviewing Ms. Araboalasa, the INS grants her a certificate of eligibility, she may then apply to the Government of Argentina for the "right of option" to leave the country.

While we would like to be encouraging that Ms. Araboalasa will be allowed to leave Argentina, we should point out that the Government of Argentina has not been granting very much rights of option in the past year. We continue to urge the Argentine authorities to be forthcoming on the question of rights of options, particularly in regard to persons who have applied for entry to the United States.

It is encouraging that Ms. Araboalasa has been granted supervised liberty. We will continue to try to assist her departure.

Sincerely,

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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